

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a display on a display apparatus in response to ~~one or more~~ at least one processing units unit, ~~the method characterized by the steps of~~ comprising:

receiving a request from one ~~of the~~ processing units ~~for acquiring~~ unit to acquire one of predefined display areas;

determining whether ~~or not~~ to provide an authorization to acquire the one of the predefined display areas in response to the request; and

notifying the one ~~of the~~ processing units unit whether ~~or not~~ the authorization is given;

wherein, when a plurality of requests ~~for acquiring~~ to acquire the same one of the predefined display areas from a plurality of processing units are received ~~in the receiving step~~, the authorization is provided to ~~one and only one of the~~ a single processing units unit that made one of the requests ~~for acquiring~~ to acquire the same one of the predefined display areas.

52. (Currently Amended) A controlling method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 51, wherein ~~in the notifying step, comprises notifying the one and only one of a plurality of~~ single processing units ~~is notified~~ unit that the authorization is given, and notifying other processing units requesting for the same one of the predefined display areas are ~~notified~~ that the authorization is not given.

53. (Currently Amended) A controlling method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 51, wherein the processing unit ~~is~~ comprises an application.

54. (Currently Amended) A controlling method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 51, wherein the processing unit ~~is~~ comprises a plurality of applications.

55. (Currently Amended) A controlling method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 51, wherein the authorization is provided to ~~the~~ a processing unit having a higher predefined priority.

56. (New) A device that controls a display on a display apparatus in response to at least one processing unit, comprising:

a receiver that receives a request from a processing unit to acquire one of predefined display areas;

a determining unit that determines whether to provide an authorization to acquire the one of predefined display areas in response to the request; and

a notifying device that notifies the at least one processing unit whether the authorization is given, wherein, when a plurality of requests to acquire the same one of predefined display areas from a plurality of processing units are received, the authorization is provided to a single processing unit that made one of the requests to acquire the same one of predefined display areas.

57. (New) A device according to claim 56, wherein said notifying device notifies the single processing unit that the authorization is given, and notifies other processing units requesting the same one of predefined display areas that the authorization is not given.

58. (New) A device according to claim 56, wherein the processing unit comprises an application.

59. (New) A device according to claim 56, wherein the processing unit comprises a plurality of applications.

60. (New) A device according to claim 56, wherein the authorization is provided to a processing unit having a higher predefined priority.

61. (New) A computer-readable medium that stores a plurality of instructions to be executed by at least one processor to control a display on a display apparatus, the plurality of instructions comprising:

receiving a request from one processing unit to acquire one of predefined display areas;

determining whether to provide an authorization to acquire the one of predefined display areas in response to the request; and

notifying the one processing unit whether the authorization is given;

wherein, when a plurality of requests to acquire the same one of predefined display areas from a plurality of processing units are received, the authorization is provided to a single processing unit that made one of the requests to acquire the same one of predefined display areas.

62. (New) A computer-readable medium according to claim 61, wherein notifying comprises notifying the single processing unit that the authorization is given, and notifying other processing units requesting the same one of predefined display areas that the authorization is not given.

63. (New) A computer-readable medium according to claim 61, wherein the processing unit comprises an application.

64. (New) A computer-readable medium according to claim 61, wherein the processing unit comprises a plurality of applications.

65. (New) A computer-readable medium according to claim 61, wherein the authorization is provided to a processing unit having a higher predefined priority.